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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 December 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-27 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 10-17 and 22-27 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 and 18-21 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) and the Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical Amendments Act of 2002 do not apply when the reference is a U.S. patent resulting directly or indirectly from an international application filed before November 29, 2000. Therefore, the prior art date of the reference is determined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

2. Claims 1-9 and 18-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Adamske et al. (Adamske) (US 6,615,234).

With regard to claims 1 and 18, Adamske discloses a method, implemented on a client computing device, the method comprising: displaying a web page representing a printer to a user, the web page including a user-selectable option to enable private printing on the printer; receiving a user selection of the option to enable private printing; and communicating the user selection to the printer (col 3, lines 47-63).

With regards to claims 2 and 19, Adamske discloses wherein receiving the user selection comprises receiving the user selection of the option to enable private

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printing in the absence of a printer driver, on the client computing device, that supports private printing (col 3, lines 47-63).

With regard to claim 3 Adamske discloses, wherein communicating comprises communicating the user selection to a proxy server that represents the printer (col 3, lines 47-63).

With regards to claims 4 and 20, Adamske discloses wherein receiving the user selection comprises receiving user-input of a personal identification number (PIN) that is to be subsequently entered at the printer in order to print a document; requested by the user, at the printer (col 4, line 61 – col 5, line 14).

With regard to claim 5, Adamske discloses wherein the PIN corresponds to a single print request (col 4, line 61 – col 5, line 14).

With regard to claim 6, Adamske discloses wherein the PIN corresponds to a single user and multiple print requests for the single user (col 4, line 61 – col 5, line 14).

With regard to claim 7, Adamske discloses a method, implemented on a client computing device, the method comprising: displaying a web page representing a printer to a user, the web page including a user-selectable option to enable private printing on the printer; receiving a user selection of the option to enable private printing; and communicating the user selection to the printer; and communicating the user selection via a secure connection (col 3, lines 47-63).

With regard to claims 8 and 21, Adamske discloses further comprising: automatically identifying a user identity of the user; and communicating the user identity to the printer (col 4, line 61 – col 5, line 14).

With regard to claim 9, Adamske discloses wherein the receiving comprises receiving the user selection prior to receiving a print request to be communicated to the printer (col 3, lines 47-63).

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 10-17 and 22-27 allowed.

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-27 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Twyler M. Lamb whose telephone number is 571-272-7406. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon, Tues and Thurs 6:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward L. Coles can be reached on 571-272-7402. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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